

# Armenia National Day Special

## Ready to deepen bilateral relations

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On Sept. 21, Armenia celebrates its Independence Day, commemorating a historic milestone in its journey toward self-determination and democracy. On this day in 1991, Armenia emerged

as a sovereign nation, marking the beginning of a new era. Since then, Armenia has enjoyed friendly relations with Japan based on mutual trust and our common values of democracy and the rule of law.

Armenia cherishes its relations with Japan and is ready to deepen and expand this mutually beneficial cooperation in various spheres. We hope the Osaka Expo next year will be a useful platform to promote Armenia-Japan economic relations.

As we reflect, it is crucial to look forward and see the importance of building a peaceful and prosperous future, a vision Arme-

nia continues to pursue in a region often marred by conflict and volatility.

In recent years, Armenia has taken steps toward fostering dialogue with its neighbors. These involve nurturing relationships with nearby countries, reinforcing the idea that peace can be achieved through collaboration rather than conflict. The government has engaged in discussions aimed at reconciling differences and finding common ground with neighbors.

A significant initiative in this peace-building endeavor is the Crossroads of Peace project, which encompasses a broader vision for regional collaboration and economic development and aims to establish Armenia as a hub for connectivity, cooperation and economic activity.

This initiative is designed to establish new trade routes that will benefit the South Caucasus and improve accessibility between surrounding regions, fostering greater economic integration. For instance, by linking Europe to the East, markets that were once distant can be accessed, paving the way for a more interconnected and vibrant regional economy. This enhances

collaborative efforts across various sectors, benefiting not just the nations involved, but also the international community as a whole. The project is anticipated to attract foreign investment, stimulate local economies and support small business development, creating an economic ripple effect.

Achieving these goals is a collective endeavor that requires the support and engagement of regional partners and the international community. We hope that Japan will be among the first nations to support the initiatives of Armenia aimed at bringing about regional cooperation and prosperity. Japan's support to Armenia's vision for peace, cooperation and a rules-based international order aligns with broader objectives of global security and stability. By investing in infrastructure, promoting dialogue and fostering regional cooperation, Japan can play a pivotal role in building a future where peace prevails.

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